

87 Connecting speech

I'm not very keen on the flat, or the area. **Mind you**, it's better than my last place. **Incidentally**, do you know how Pavel's getting on in his new flat?

Sam The company is likely to move its headquarters to Brussels. **As for** Deborah, she may have to get a job with another insurance firm.

Tanya Yes, or **alternatively**, she could stay with the company here, but in a different branch.

Sam OK, but **in the end**, she may decide that a change of company would **do her good**.



It's true that Peter was only trying to help. **Even so**, he shouldn't have got involved – it just made the problem a lot worse.

Brad Do you think you'll go back to the same hotel?

Asma Well, as a matter of fact we were a bit disappointed the last time we were there. **By and large** the staff were still great, but the place was starting to look a bit tired, and the food wasn't quite as good.

I don't think Ali should apply for the job in Munich. He doesn't have that much experience and, **in any case**, he doesn't speak German.

MOTHER George wants to spend the summer in France **so as to** improve his French.

FATHER Well, **as far as I'm concerned**, that's fine, but I hope he's not expecting us to pay for it.

GLOSSARY

mind you <i>inf</i>	used to add sth to what you have just said, especially sth that makes it less strong SYN still
incidentally	used to change the conversation to a different topic SYN by the way
as for sb/sth	used to start talking about sb/sth
alternatively	used to introduce an idea that is a second choice or possibility
in the end	after everything has been considered
do sb good	have a positive effect on sb; help sb
it's true (that) ...	used to admit that a fact or statement is correct, although you think sth else is more important
even so	despite that; used for introducing a new idea, fact, etc. SYN all the same / nevertheless
by and large	used when you are saying sth that is generally but not completely true SYN to a large extent / on the whole / broadly speaking
in any case	whatever happens or may have happened; often used to introduce the most important reason, argument, etc. SYN anyway, besides
so as to do sth	with the intention of doing sth
as far as I'm concerned	used to give your opinion about sth

1 Match 1–10 with a–j.

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| 1 mind | | a case | 6 in any | | f speaking |
| 2 by and | | b extent | 7 broadly | | g I'm concerned |
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| 4 as far as | | d you | 9 to a large | | i same |
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2 Correct the mistake in each sentence.

- 1 Broad speaking, it was very interesting.
- 2 We had a fantastic time. All same, I was glad to get home.
- 3 We left very early such as to avoid the rush hour.
- 4 I don't like her going in the sea because the water is dirty. In every case, she can't swim very well.
- 5 As far I'm concerned, the neighbours can have a street party if they want to.
- 6 You might get an interview for the job but, at the end, it's just a question of luck.
- 7 We've got most things organized for the picnic, and so for food, we'll all bring our own.
- 8 She seems very tired; I think a holiday would make her good.
- 9 I thought all the students did well. By my way, what's the Italian boy called?
- 10 I got some help from my father. Even, it was a very difficult task.

3 Replace the underlined word(s) with a word or phrase that keeps the same meaning. More than one answer is often possible.

- 1 I think he was from the Czech Republic. By the way, do you know Michaela from Prague?
- 2 To a large extent, you can get by without speaking the language.
- 3 I'm disappointed with my broadband speed. Still, it's faster than it was before.
- 4 We can't give Fergus a lift – he lives miles away. In any case, we haven't got room in the car.
- 5 I agree some of the definitions could be a bit shorter. Nevertheless, it's a good dictionary.
- 6 We could go for a nice long walk. ~ Or we could just stay here and chat.
- 7 I'm sure the exercise will have a positive effect on them.
- 8 I paid for the tickets in advance in order to get a good discount.
- 9 If you ask me, the government has got its policy on health care completely wrong.
- 10 We thought about getting a cat but, after considering it for some time, we decided not to.

4 Complete the sentences and dialogues with a suitable word or phrase.

- 1 Nuria said it wasn't likely to rain., I'm still taking my umbrella.
- 2 We were thinking we might buy a tent and go to a camping site., we could just stay in a B&B.
- 3 I took a different route home avoid seeing Mr Pedder; he never stops talking.
- 4 Do you speak English at home? ~ Yeah, to a large
- 5 I've packed lots of jumpers so I'm prepared for the cold weather.
~ Good, you'll need them., what time does the plane leave?
- 6 I've been told there's a very good Chinese restaurant in the main square.
somewhere to stay, I'm afraid I can't help you.
- 7 You won't want to climb that hill – it's very steep. And,, it's too far away.
- 8 We'd planned to move in the spring, but we decided it was more sensible to stay here.
- 9 There are a few problems in my neighbourhood, but, it's a good place to live.
- 10 that a lot of people drop litter, which is very anti-social., you can't start sending people to prison for that kind of offence.

